

## **REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, and 3-6 are amended. No new matter is added. Claims 1-7 are pending and under consideration.

### **INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER**

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the interview granted to the Applicant's representative on January 15, 2008, and the Examiner's willingness to enter this Supplemental Amendment in view of the interview.

### **CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0188499 to Jenkins et al (hereinafter "Jenkins").

The arguments and claim amendments presented in the amendment filed on December 26, 2007 are included and remain outstanding.

Independent claims 1 and 3-6 are amended herewith to clarify the term "switching information." The claims amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification, for example, FIG. 3 and the corresponding description.

### **CONCLUSION**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

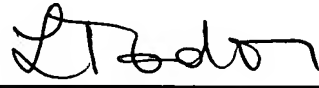
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